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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): BELT CONVEYING MECHANISM FOR INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS AND  
INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS INCLUDING IT

By (Inventors): Atsuhisa NAKASHIMA; Osamu TAKAGI

- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-9; 8 sheets) are attached.  
☐ Use Figure \_\_\_\_\_ for front page of Publication.  
☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.  
☐ This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)  
☒ This patent application is assigned to BROTHER KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA.  
☐ The executed Assignment is filed herewith.  
☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.  
☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.  
☐ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.  
☒ Priority of foreign applications No. 2002-280595 filed September 26, 2002 in JAPAN and No. 2002-280098 filed September 26, 2002 in JAPAN are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).  
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign applications are filed herewith.  
☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.  
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x 42 =	\$
+ 140 =	\$
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application  
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Dear Mr. Suhara:

Thank you for your September 25 facsimile letter forwarding the above-identified new U.S. Patent Application for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. We today filed the application papers including 8 sheets of drawings and Information Disclosure Statement in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Enclosed for your records are copies of the Application Transmittal and Information Disclosure Statement together with our debit note.

Because this application was filed without an original Declaration and Power of Attorney, the Patent Office will issue a Notice to File Missing Parts. This notice will set a due date for filing the Declaration and Power of Attorney, which could be as early as two months from the application filing date. We will advise you of the due date for filing the Declaration and Power of Attorney once we receive the Notice to File Missing Parts. In the interim, please forward the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney at your earliest convenience, and preferably by November 25, 2003.\*

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If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



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